

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for validating a date, comprising:  
formatting a user inputted date to match requirements of a programming language;  
sending the formatted user inputted date as a parameter of a date creation ~~format~~ function  
of the programming language;  
generating a program language generated date using the date creation function; and  
comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date to  
determine the validity of the user inputted date.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
returning a Boolean value of true or false after ~~comparing the output~~ comparing the  
formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
sending an object after ~~the comparison~~ comparing the formatted user inputted date to the  
program language generated date.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
throwing an exception after ~~the comparison~~ comparing the formatted user inputted date to  
the program language generated date .
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) A computer system to validate a date, comprising:  
a processor;  
a memory; and

software instructions stored in the memory for enabling the computer system under control of the processor, to perform:

formatting a user inputted date to match requirements of a programming language;

sending the formatted user inputted date as a parameter of a date creation format function of the programming language;

generating a program language generated date using the date creation function; and

comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date to determine the validity of the user inputted date [[:]]

~~outputting the manipulated date input to a variable;~~

~~returning a Boolean value of true or false after comparing the output;~~

~~sending an object after the comparison;~~

~~and throwing an exception after the comparison.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A date validation mechanism, comprising:

means for formatting a user inputted date to match requirements of a programming language;

means for sending the formatted user inputted date as a parameter of a date creation format function of the programming language;

means for generating a program language generated date using the date creation function; and

means for comparing the user inputted date to the program language generated date to determine the validity of the user inputted date [[:]]

~~means for outputting the manipulated date input to a variable;~~

~~and means for returning a Boolean value of true or false after comparing the output.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The date validation mechanism of claim 8, further comprising:

means for sending an object after ~~the comparison~~ comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date; and

means for selectively throwing an exception after ~~the comparison~~ comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program language generated date.

10. (New) The computer system of claim 7, the software instructions further comprising:  
returning a boolean value of true or false after comparing the formatted user inputted date  
to the program language generated date.
11. (New) The computer system of claim 7, the software instructions further comprising:  
sending an object after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the program  
language generated date; and  
selectively throwing an exception after comparing the formatted user inputted date to the  
program language generated date.
12. (New) The mechanism of claim 8, further comprising:  
means for returning a boolean value of true or false after comparing the formatted user  
inputted date to the program language generated date.